

THE MASTER OF MAN :-: By Sir Hall Caine

An Outspoken and Moving Study of a Deep Sex Problem by the Noted Author of "The Maxxman," "The Deemster," "The Eternal City," "The Woman Thou Gavest Me," Etc.

PERSONS OF THE STORY

VICTOR STOWELL - A brilliant young advocate, appointed despite his poor reputation as chief judge of the Isle of Man, in which position he has to sit in judgment on a felon-sinner. He is high principled and noble, though at a moment of weakness he has, to great later regret, succumbed to the temptation of illicit relations with...



If you think it will lighten your guilt in the eyes of the court to mention that man's name, mention it.

IV A small unventilated room overlooking the Keep the jury considered their share of the verdict. "Gentlemen," said one (he was a auctioneer and a Town Commissioner), "you heard what the Deemster said. We can't let her off, but we can recommend her to mercy."

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THE UNITED GAS IMPROVEMENT CO. In the Deemster's room there was a painful silence. The clerk of the rolls was under the deeply recessed window, turning over the crinkling folios of the depositions in the case to be taken next.

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At length, in a voice as low as he was only just heard even in the breathless silence, he said: "Elizabeth Corteen, you have pleaded guilty to the charge of taking the life of your innocent child, the little helpless babe who had no other natural protector than the mother who bore it on her bosom. By this act you have brought yourself under the condemnation of the law, and it is for the law to punish you. But out of regard to your sufferings and the uncertainty as to your motives, the jury has recommended you to mercy, and it will be my duty to see that their prayer is sent, through his excellency the Governor, to the high and proper authorities, in the hope that the measure of pardon which, in all but exceptional cases, is granted to persons in your position, may be extended to you also."

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Stowell had risen also. He had stood after the prisoner until her last cry had died away in the corridor. Then he had turned about, as if intending to leave the bench, taken a step forward, stumbled and dropped to one knee.

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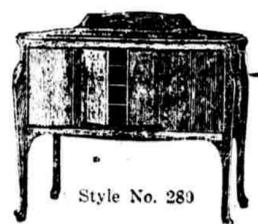
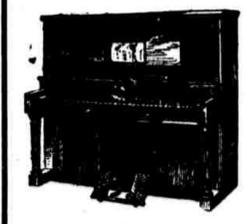
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